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In re Application of PIERCE

Application No. Examiner:

Filed: Herewith Group Art Unit:

For: A BIN COMPACTOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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